

REMARKS

By way of the above amendments, claims 4 and 6-9 have been amended and claim 5 has been canceled. Support for the amendments to claim 4 can be found at least in claim 5 and at page 2, lines 22-29, and page 7, lines 21-35, of the application.

The amendments to the claims and the newly added claims add no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants repeat their request that the Examiner consider references numbered 134-154 on the information disclosure statement submitted January 8, 2004. For the Examiner's convenience, a courtesy copy of the information disclosure statement is attached. The references were submitted previously and are available on PAIR at the website of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants ask that the Examiner return an initialed copy of page 6 of the form 1449, which lists references numbered 134-154.

Claim Amendments of Objected to Claim

Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim but no other rejections remained. Applicants have canceled claim 5 and presented the limitations of claim 5 into the rejected base claim 4. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance absent any new grounds of rejection.

SUMMARY

Applicants have amended the claims to put the limitations of a rejected claim into a non-rejected claim. It is believed that the rejections have been addressed and that the application is in condition for allowance. It is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite this case.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

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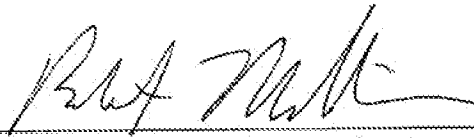
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statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States.

A Petition for Extension of Time for two months is enclosed. Please apply the necessary charges, and any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14174-104US5.

Respectfully submitted,

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